(b) It will not be in the national interest to divulge details regarding the functional and operational aspects of coordination between various intelligence directorates of the Services.

Decrease in export of readymade garments

†*89. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of readymade garments to quota fixed countries and non-quota fixed countries has decreased during the first nine months of current year in comparison to the corresponding period of last year;

(b) if so, the value of export made during the current year and during the corresponding period of last year; and

(c) the reasons for shortfall in the exports?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) and (b) During the first nine months of the year, 2001 i.e. January-September, readymade garments exports amounted to US $ 3913.7 million as against the exports of US$ 4251.4 million during the same period of 2000, recording a negative growth of 7.9%.

(c) The recent trend in textile exports is mainly due to a general slowdown in the economies of some of our major trading partners like the US and increased competition from countries like China, Bangladesh etc.

Increase in terrorist activities along LoC

*90. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there had been a perceptible increase in the pattern of terrorist activities along the Line of Control;

(b) if so, the details thereof since 1st January, 2002 till date; and

(c) Government's reaction in regard thereto?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.